

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Nishiyama et al.

**Application No.:** 10/725,791

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,  
IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM,  
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND IMAGE  
PROCESSING METHOD

**Group:** 2173

**Examiner:** Haoshian Shih

**Our File:** IPO-P1881

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Final Office Action dated March 18, 2008, kindly amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: